

VIDEO TRAINING SERIES

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) offers two video-based training programs with study guides and testing materials. These programs are self-paced and child care professionals may earn six (6) clock hours of training credit upon successful completion of the assessment materials.

To Participate

Child care professionals borrow the DVDs/videotapes and receive copies of the study guides and test materials from one of the eight regional licensing offices listed below. There is no cost for the study guides or testing materials. A \$20.00 processing fee per person is charged when submitting the completed assessments for grading.

To apply to receive credit for participation in either video series, each individual must complete the assessment materials for each program. Individuals must receive a passing grade to be awarded credit for training clock hours. Detailed instructions for participation are included with each study guide.

1. DSS 101 - The Whole Child - A Caregiver's Guide to the First Five Years (TWC) is a video series production developed by WTVS Detroit and the Merrill-Palmer Institute at Wayne State University in 1998. It is based on the textbook of the same name written by Joanne Hendrick, Professor of Early Childhood Education Emerita at the University of Oklahoma.
2. The Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (PITC) was developed by WestEd and the California Department of Education. A team of experts in child development, child care, adult education, and print and video production was assembled to work with national and state advisors to create this video production. The goal of the program was to develop meaningful training materials based on sound principles and proven practices. The materials were developed for both center-based and family day home providers and focus on caring for infants and toddlers.

To reserve the DVDs/videotapes for participation in either video series training program, please call your regional licensing office listed below.

Central Licensing Office:(804) 662-9773
Fairfax Licensing Office:(703) 359-6737
Eastern Licensing Office:(757) 491-3977
Valley Licensing Office:(540) 332-2330
Peninsula Licensing Office:(757) 247-8020
Piedmont Licensing Office:(540) 204-9624
Northern Licensing Office:(540) 347-6345
Western Licensing Office:(276) 676-5655